

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 24, 2004

The Hamilton County Board of Aviation Commissioners met on Thursday, June 24, 2004 in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. President Jacobi called the meeting to order.

Secretary Kim Rauch took Roll Call and a quorum was declared present of Larry Jacobi, Tim Tolson, Tom Kapostosy and Jon Ogle.

Approval of Minutes

Tim Tolson motioned to approve the May 27, 2004 minutes. Jon Ogle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Larry Jacobi stated we have four public use airports in Hamilton County. Noblesville Airport, which is a little grass strip on the southeast side of Noblesville. Hangars are full, there is a normal amount of business. Westfield Airport is a little grass strip on the West side of Westfield owned by Wes Wheeler. Business is normal. Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport owned and operated by the Indianapolis Airport Authority, their hangars are full, and business is down. Sheridan Airport has built new hangars, which are all full and business is up. Indianapolis Executive Airport (IEA), located across the Hamilton – Boone County line is owned and operated by Hamilton County. Larry J. stated we will be hearing comments from residents who live in the IEA area regarding a letter written by Frank Hoffman. Larry stated Frank Hoffman does not represent the Hamilton County Board of Aviation Commissioners. He has some wild ideas regarding aviation. Those ideas go everywhere from restricted hours to special departure procedures, etc. When it comes to any special conditions for IEA, this Board has never discussed those things. At this point we do not intend to go to any kind of special departure procedure, the way it is working now is fine.

Sugar Grove Rural Association: [6:39:14]

Jennifer Smith, representing Sugar Grove Rural Association, stated they are an association bounded by 146th Street to the south, SR 32 to the north and to the Hamilton-Boone County line to the east and Ditch Road to the west. Earlier this week she received a copy of a letter from Jon Rodgers. Like many of the neighbors in Hamilton and Boone Counties we share concern about noise abatement at the airport. As much as possible we live outdoors as many seasons as possible. Most of us moved to that area because they desire a rural lifestyle. Ms. Smith's home is over 30 years old and pre-dates the building of Terry Airport. It is their intention to retire in this home. The most significant change she has seen in the last 15 years has been the amount of intrusive noise in relation to the airport. She knows the Board has said they have not adopted any of those changes and it had not been considered. Many of us, over the course of the last few weeks, have been talking about how we have noticed a change and it seems that the flight patterns seem to be coming directly over Joliet Road. 15 years ago if we had a swimming pool party it might be after a half-hour's time we may have noticed three glider planes circling over the pool. Yesterday she held a pool party and during the afternoon there were four different times for several minutes that the conversation had to stop while airplanes took off. It is corporate jet traffic. This is not something we have not had to deal with in the past and we have seen an increase in it. She has not seen the letter that Mr. Hoffman wrote, she does not know what his ideas are for noise abatement. Along with many of the neighbors we share similar concerns and we would like noise mitigation. Our neighbors and she do not accept transferred noise from one neighborhood to another. We encourage noise mitigation that does not shift the burden to our rural neighbor that pre-dates both the airport and Austin Oaks. Our neighborhood was never in the flight pattern of the north-south runway. It does not seem just to us. Ms. Smith encouraged the Board to continue to look for noise mitigation and to go on record that they can not accept any transferred noise from shifting the burden from one neighborhood to another.

Larry J. stated we have no plans to make any changes as far as the flight patterns are concerned. The winds yesterday must have been out of the south, which means they would have used Runway 18. The standard pattern is to the left and a plane going north would take off to the south, turn left and climb to altitude, where he would think he would be to an altitude that you would not hear much. It depends on what jets it is, some of the older jets are very loud compared to the newer jets, which are very quiet. We appreciate your comments and will consider them.

Andrea Montgomery pointed out that most of the corporate planes that take off from IEA are under the control of Indianapolis Air Traffic Control. Pat Gaston is our Chief Flight Instructor and we do not allow any of our employees to fly low or they will be immediately be terminated. We have asked them to go as high and be as courteous to the people around the airport as we can be.

Jack Bonham asked if Mr. Hoffman's appeal regarding the noise abatement is more properly directed to Indianapolis Flight Control? Larry J. stated yes. It is possible for a Board of our type to put specific departure procedures on an airport and then air traffic control will work around that. That is not a common thing.

Indianapolis Executive Airport [6:45:58]

Andrea Montgomery presented a status report on Indianapolis Executive Airport.

- AWOS driveway is finished. Paid from federal money.
- Localizer is inoperable. The power supply was struck by lightning. We have found an overhauled power supply from ASMI. It will be installed this weekend. The parts are estimated to cost \$2,000.00. ASI is moving and could not provide a final bill. The bill will be sent next week and she would like to know how to pay for the repair.
- Middle Marker – we need an answer tonight. The antenna is \$2,800 for the middle marker. Dan would like to keep the middle marker running. He has interviewed most of the base customers at the airport. The latest avionics is coming out with a new generation of aircraft and Dan would like a decision so we can proceed or it can be permanently shut down.
- The runway painting will be done in August.
- PAPI – we are concentrating on the switching problem. Due to its age, Michiana Engineering is looking at it. They are trying to come up with a way to bridge the gap between the older switch and the new switch.
- Domain Name – how should we proceed? Board has taken it under advisement
- Gate – Professional Garage Door is getting estimates for a new gate for the driveway.
- House is scheduled for a September move in. They have met with Mid-States to discuss the relocation of the electrical and the plumbing.
- AZ Application is due tomorrow, June 25, 2004.
- We are working with AFuel to correct the fuel farm upgrades from their inspection.
- Have received the 2005 insurance bill for the airport, it is \$3,308 less than budgeted. This money could be used for repair of the Middle Marker. Insurance will be paid from this year's current budget. Terrorism coverage is available for an additional \$5,000. We have not carried it in the past and from Dan's point of view and the security Andrea has done with Hamilton and Boone counties we don't need it.
- The 2005 airport operating budget was presented for review. The budget was taken under advisement.
- Beacon is working.
- Dan would like to ask if the Board can change their meeting dates. He is unable to attend meetings on the fourth Thursdays of the month.
- Andrea stated she will have the 2nd Quarter report next month and there may be extra monies once that report is finalized.
- Fuel sales are up. There are waiting lists for both types of hangars.

Larry J. recognized the IEA Pilots Association for their painting on the runway. Larry J. stated the Board appreciates their assistance on this project.

Localizer and Middle Marker – Localizer can not live without. Middle Marker is nice to have, but not necessary. It is another safety measure for the pilots' navigation. As new airports are coming in, middle markers are being removed. The localizer repair will not to exceed \$2,000. Larry J. suggested looking at the proposed budget for 2005 and defer the middle marker repair for another month.

[6:55:21] Tom motioned to approve the repair and payment of the localizer out of the insurance overage. Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Date Change

Tom motioned to move the regular aviation board meeting to the first Thursday of the month beginning August 5, 2004. Jon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Carl Winkler stated one of the reasons our income is tight is because we have not received the farm income from the Baileys. That has been deferred to September. Carl stated they might talk to their insurance agent about the possibility of paying a semi-annual premium rather than annual. Larry asked Carl to look into that with the insurance agent.

Zoning Update

Mike Howard stated we went to the zoning meeting, there was an amendment back to the Plan Commission from the Boone County Commissioners. The Plan Commission voted unanimously not to act on it. This means that airport zoning became part of the ordinance as of today. The application will be done tomorrow and he will deliver it to Boone County tomorrow. Our goal is to be before the Boone County Plan Commission in August and hope we can move through there. Larry stated we have been working on the zoning for almost one year. We would like to have seen other things included in the AZ Ordinance, but it was not going to happen and it seemed to us to get what we can when we can so we can get hangars built. Larry stated the next step is to get our land rezoned from agricultural to AZ, which will allow us to proceed with normal airport operations.

Grants

Maria Muia stated at the last meeting a motion was made to allow Tim to sign the grant when it is issued. It has not been issued due to health reasons of the FAA airport engineer. She was able to get the grant sent to her and she will have the pay application for signature when we send in the signed grant. Hamilton County should be getting some cash flow soon.

The FAA District Office has received a congressional request for funds for the airport that they were asked to comment on. This indicates that our trip to Washington has resulted in something, we don't know at this point.

Larry Creakbaum stated one of the grants acquired with the purchase of the airport was AIP-08. That project included land acquisition and installation of the Airport Weather Operation System (AWOS). We had an access road for maintenance purposes tied to the runway and the FAA objected to that. A previous change order removed it from the project. Larry C. stated he now has a change order putting the access road back in, but it goes just to the grass portion of the shoulder of the runway and stops. If we ever relocate the glidescope we will tie the road to the glidescope. The change order is in the amount \$6,902. This is 90% federal funds, 5% state and 5% local (\$345.00). Tim motioned to approve the AIP Grant for the road to the AWOS. Tom seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The road should be installed by the next meeting, we will then submit the final pay request and this will close the grant.

Larry C. stated another project is AIP-09, which is a land acquisition project which has obstruction removal included. We have the preliminary plan that will remove the old terminal building, remove the entrance from SR 32, remove sidewalks, bushes, etc. It will re-install the electricity for the well that is in that building, along with the localizer. We plan to advertise bids in the July meeting and open bids in August and evict in September. Maria stated this would be a grant amendment to the \$300,000 federal funds. This amendment will add approximately \$50,000. Maria stated we should receive the federal funds before we have to pay it.

County Council Liaison

Rick McKinney stated on behalf of the county council he is requesting that at least one member of the aviation board attend the monthly council meeting, which are held the first Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. Starting at the July 7th meeting, it has been requested the aviation board updates the county council of their efforts and they will be able to ask questions to protect and promote our investment in IEA. Specifically, we are interested in learning the status of the efforts to establish an airport rezone and airport overlay zone in both Hamilton County on the eastern border and in Boone County. We know you are a new board and there has been some turnover. After one year of ownership it appears that Boone County may be slowing down efforts for the progress we have bought and some of the expectations we had when we purchased the airport.

Mike stated he will be out of town in July, but he will prepare a summary for the council. Jon stated he would represent the Board when he gets up to speed on their positions. Tim will present the summary at the July 7th meeting.

The Board will be unable to attend the August County Council meeting because it is the same evening the airport zoning application comes before the Boone County Plan Commission and every member of the Board will be attending that meeting.

Andrea stated the Boone County Plan Commission meets August 4th and it is extremely important we have support at that meeting. Dan and Andrea will not be able to attend this meeting. This will be for the rezone of the land from agricultural to airport.

IEA Pilots Association

Susan Post, representing the IEA Pilots Association, presented a status report. They were formed in 2003 with a four person interim board. They want to make the group more visible, encourage participation in the group and grow the group into something more formal. We are working on a name for the group. They painted the hold/short lines, taxi centerlines and the lead off lines in May. June 12 was our first planned fly-out for lunch to Mattoon and we were weathered out. It will be rescheduled. Other activities being planned are visiting air museums in Rantool, Illinois and Kalamazoo, Michigan. We are encouraging everyone to participate in the Poker Run. The Pilot's Association is there for public support if and when needed for any Boone County or zoning issues.

Next Meeting: July 22, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Tom motioned to adjourn. Jon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present

Larry Jacobi
Tim Tolson
Tom Kapostasy
Jon Ogle
Mike Howard
Rick McKinney
Maria Muia
Larry Creakbaum
Andrea Montgomery
Carl Winkler
Matt Evans
Susan Post
Jack Bonham
Pat Gaston
Jennifer Smith
Lawrence Smiley
Rachel Smiley
Brad Beaver
Kim Rauch

Approved

Larry Jacobi, President

Date: _____

Kim Rauch, Secretary

Date: _____